

Senate Bill 446

By: Senators Powell of the 23rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Rogers of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road for motorcycles, so as to provide for certain
3 traffic regulations relating to motorcycles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to uniform rules of the road for motorcycles, is amended by adding a new Code
9 section to read as follows:

10 "40-6-317.

11 A driver of a motorcycle approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal
12 utilizing a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle
13 shall come to a full and complete stop at the intersection in response to a red light and, after
14 waiting for a reasonable period of time, not less than 20 seconds, for such traffic-control
15 signal to detect such motorcycle, may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so.
16 The driver of any vehicle approaching the intersection which lawfully may enter the
17 intersection shall have right of way over any motorcycle operator proceeding through a red
18 light and in no event where an accident results from the driver of the motorcycle
19 proceeding into the intersection on a red light shall such driver of the vehicle be charged
20 with any violation of Code Section 40-6-70, relating to failure to yield right of way, Code
21 Section 40-6-49, relating to following too closely, or Code Section 40-6-180, relating to
22 driving too fast for conditions."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.